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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Environmental Pollution
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact due to environmental pollution a large quantity of gross agricultural output is lost every year;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the Government is working on proper disposal of industrial waste like chemicals etc. to check pollution; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has not made any assessment linking environmental pollution and gross agricultural output.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) In order to ensure proper disposal of industrial wastes, the Government has notified standards for the chemical sector for disposal of treated effluents and emissions and also notified The Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and The Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989 as amended.
To review and revamp rules relating to waste disposal, draft Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2015, Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2015, e-waste (Management) Rules, 2015, Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2015 and Fly Ash notification, 2015 have been notified.
Further, the critically polluted industrial clusters have been identified and action plans have been prepared for restoring environmental quality in those clusters. The chemical industries such as organic and inorganic chemicals, pharmaceuticals, dyestuff, fertilizers, pesticides etc. located in the polluted clusters have been covered under the scheme of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs).

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